(d) The Railway administration has taken the following steps to tighten security in trains

1. Anti-social elements are removed from Railway premises and trains.
2. Coach Attendants/TTEs keep proper watch on the passengers entering/ detraining from the coaches.
3. FIR forms are made available with the Train Guards/Stations Masters/ RPF to facilitate the travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.
4. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is done at all levels.
5. Announcement through Public Address System and CCTV at important Railway Stations to alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.
6. RPF Assistance booths are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police.
7. Periodic High Level Co-ordination Meetings with Government Railway Police and Local Police are conducted to analyze the crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

Research on flowers in Tamil Nadu

4061. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether Governmnent are aware of the abundant growth of Jasmine and other flowers in Madurai and Ranned districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether any bio-technological research has been conducted to improve the growth of such flowers and also by proposing to set up a research centre, at a suitable location in that State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) to (d) Yes, Madam, some Central Ministries/

Departments/Institutes are supporting various research programmes for improvement and cultivation of ornamentals and aromatic plants in the country including Tamil Nadu. The Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow—a constituent laboratory of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has its Field Station at Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu for conducting research on medicinal and aromatic plants including Jasmine. As of now, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has no proposal to set up a research centre in Tamil Nadu.

Science and Technology infrastructure in Universities

4062. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have launched funds for improvement of science and technology infrastructure in Universities and higher educational institutions/programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such facility has been extended to universities in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) to (e) Department of Science & Technology has launched the Scheme "Fund for Improvement of S &. T Infrastructure (FIST) in Universities and Higher educational institutions" during the year 2000-2001. The scheme aims at providing basic infrastructure and enabling facilities and ehvironment for strengthening teaching and research and attracting fresh talent. More than 200 Departments in Universities/Colleges and Higher educational institutions have been identified for support: This include 26 departments in 13 universities/colleges and related academic institutions in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Technology parks for women

4063. SHRI K.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :